

1969, as National Farm-City Week. I call upon all Americans to participate in this observance.

I particularly urge the Department of Agriculture, the land-grant colleges and universities, the Cooperative Extension Service, and other appropriate organizations to carry out programs to mark this occasion, including public meetings and exhibits, and presentations in newspapers and in magazines, on radio and on television.

I urge that such programs emphasize:

—the development of better understanding and more effective working relationships between those who live on the farm and those who live in non-farm areas;

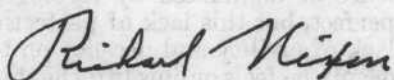
—the enormous scientific and technological advances in agriculture and their significance for the lives of both rural and urban dwellers;

—the vital need to plan more effectively the way we will use our land, conserve our natural resources, and protect the quality of our environment;

—the importance of maintaining and enhancing the social and economic health of farms and rural communities;

—the urgency of providing opportunities for disadvantaged people in both rural and urban areas to participate more fully in the economic life of the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-fourth.



Proclamation 3934

GENERAL VON STEUBEN MEMORIAL DAY

By The President of the United States of America

September 17, 1969

A Proclamation

It is with pleasure that I comply with the request of a joint resolution of the Congress that today, September 17, 1969, be proclaimed as General von Steuben Memorial Day.

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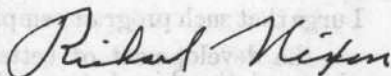
When Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben joined Washington at Valley Forge, he was among the first of more than eight million Germans who came to our shores in search of liberty. As he went on to distinguish himself in battle at Monmouth and Yorktown, General von Steuben became a symbol of the contributions made to the cause of freedom by more than 26 million Americans of German descent who live and work and serve in every part of our country and in every aspect of our national life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate September 17, 1969, as General von Steuben Memorial Day.

I call upon all officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings, and I invite all of our

people to join with our citizens of German descent who today are conducting special ceremonies to commemorate General von Steuben's birth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-fourth.



Proclamation 3935

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK, 1969

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

There are times in the lives of men and in the lives of institutions when basic questions must be asked. Such a time has come for the institution of which many Americans have been most proud: our system of education.

We have reached a point at which we must take a close, long, hard look at what is good and what is bad about our schools, at what should be strengthened and what should be eliminated.

Yet even as we make such an examination we must all agree on one basic principle: we must not allow our schools to be captured by violence or dominated by ideological dogmatists. Our schools are not perfect, but this lack of perfection is no excuse for lawbreaking or a lack of civility and decency on the part of any critic, no matter how deeply he feels or how little he thinks.

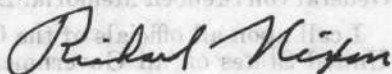
Those of us who have attended public, private and religiously affiliated schools and colleges realize that no single act can ever repay the institutions and the men and women who serve them for what they did for us. The overwhelming majority of students today feels the same way. A good education is a form of rebirth, a way toward economic and intellectual achievement, an affirmation that an individual human being's thoughts are important, that his emotions can find creative direction, that he is a man and not a thing.

This is what education can do at its best. This is what all Americans, young and old, black and white, must preserve, expand and protect.

Therefore, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the period of November 9 through November 15, 1969, as American Education Week.

I urge all Americans to join with me during this week in a thoughtful examination of our education system and in formulating ways in which education in America can be improved where needed, by the traditional American way of reason and open discussion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred sixty-nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fourth.



September 24, 1969